

**MINUTES OF THE
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE
ROOM 225, STATE CAPITOL BUILDING**

February 20, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Carl R. Saunders, Chair
 Rep. Rebecca Lockhart, Vice Chair
 Rep. Trisha S. Beck
 Rep. Glenn A. Donnelson
 Rep. Bryan D. Holladay
 Rep. Patricia W. Jones
 Rep. David Litvack
 Rep. Paul Ray
 Rep. Mike Thompson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rep. Patrice M. Arent
 Rep. Wayne A. Harper
 Rep. Glenn L. Way

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Andrews, Research Analyst
 Betty M. Bushman, Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: (List of visitors on file)

Chair Saunders called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

**S.B. 140 CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC COMPETENCY
 IN HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE
 - Senator Pete Suazo**

Senator Suazo explained the bill to the committee.

Speaking in support of the bill were Luz Robles, Cultural Competency Commission; Dr. Javier Saenz; and Buba Roth.

MOTION: Representative Thompson moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Representative Holladay absent for the vote.

S.B. 121 ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE AND COVERAGE TASK FORCE
- Senator Peter C. Knudson

Senator Knudson explained the bill to the committee.

Joyce Dolcourt, Governor's Council for People With Disabilities; Kelly Atkinson, Utah Health Insurance Association; and Debra Thrall, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Representative Beck moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Saunders relinquished the chair to Vice Chair Lockhart.

H.B. 293 CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH TASK FORCE
- Representative Carl R. Saunders

Representative Saunders explained the bill to the committee.

Tim Cosgrove, Primary Children's Hospital, answered questions of committee members and spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Representative Jones moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Representative Thompson voting no.

Chair Saunders resumed the chair.

S.B. 117 GUARDIAN AD LITEM AMENDMENTS
- Senator Lyle W. Hillyard

Senator Hillyard explained the bill to the committee with the assistance of Kristin Brewer, Guardian Ad Litem.

Lori Nelson, Family Law Section - Utah State Bar, spoke in support of the bill.

Gary Holt, Focus, and Gayle Ruzicka, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke to the bill.

Chair Saunders relinquished the chair to Vice Chair Lockhart.

MOTION: Representative Beck moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Representatives Donnelson and Saunders absent for the vote.

1ST SUB S.B. 175 **RURAL ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS**
- Senator Leonard M. Blackham

In the absence of the sponsor, Senator Hillyard explained the bill to the committee with the assistance of John T. Nielsen, Intermountain Health Care.

Kelly Atkinson, Utah Health Insurance Association, and David Gessell, Utah Hospital Association, spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Representative Holladay moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Representative Saunders absent for the vote.

MOTION: At the request of the sponsor, Representative Lockhart moved to place the bill on the Consent Calendar. With no dissenting vote and Representative Saunders absent for the vote, the chair ruled that the recommendation of the committee would be to place the bill on the Consent Calendar.

S.B. 153 **KINSHIP PLACEMENT FOR FOSTER CHILDREN**
- Senator Bill Wright

Senator Wright explained the bill to the committee.

Janetha Hancock, Legislative Counsel, and Kenneth R. Patterson, Director - Division of Child and Family Services, answered questions of committee members.

Gary Holt, Focus, and Sherrie Raymond, JEDI for Women, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Representative Holladay moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Representative Saunders absent for the vote.

MOTION: Representative Ray moved to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2001 committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously with one correction: in the motion to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2001 committee meeting, the date was typed incorrectly. Representative Saunders was absent for the vote.

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H.B. 291 DISTRIBUTION OF TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUNDS, sponsored by Representative Saunders, was not considered in today's meeting.

MOTION: Representative Ray moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Representative Saunders absent for the vote.

The meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Rep. Carl R. Saunders
Committee Chair